Kelkar Committee recommendations

217. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee which have not been accepted by Government;

(b) what are the reasons for not accepting those recommendations;

(c) what are the details of the recommendations which have been accepted with modifications; and

(d) what are the modifications that have been brought about in those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (d) Government has by and large accepted and implemented all the major recommendations made by the Kelkar Committee in its main as well as supplementary report. The following were accepted with modification:

(i) Exemption to small scale sector units from price control in respect of category II formulations and;

(ii) Exclusion of bulk Vitamins except 'A' & 'C' from price control and inclusion of 26 drugs in price control.

Price of Ampicilin Trihydrate

218. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) when the price of Ampicillin Trihydrate was announced under DPCO, 1987;

(b) what was its earlier price and what is the revised price;

(c) when the formulation prices based on Ampicillin were announced;

(d) what was the earlier price of each pack and strength of each formulation and what is the revised price;

(e) whether it is a fact that the revised prices of formulations were delayed for two years;

(f) what is the normal time period, to refix the prices of formulations after the announcement of bulk drug prices;

(g) whether his Ministry have taken any steps to investigate the delay; and

(h) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (d) The price of Ampicillin Trihydrate under the DPCO, 1987 was announced on 6-9-1988. This was however subsequently revised on 21-3-1989. The other requisite details, to the extent available, are given in the annexure. [*See* Appendix CLVIII, Annexure No. 8]

(e) to (h) After the announcement of price of Ampicillin Trihydrate on 6-9-1988, the prices of formulations based on this drug was announced on 4-1-1989. However, after the revision in the price of bulk drug Ampicillin Trihydrate on 21-3-1989, the prices of formulations based on the revised price could not be announced immediately due to oversight. The prices of formulations based on the revised price of Ampicillin Trihydrate have since betn announced.

Overcharging of Drug Prices

219. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of companies have not implemented the reduced prices of formulations from 1st January, 1991 as announced by his Ministry;